



Jer. 27:5 It is I (God) who by my great power and my outstretched arm have made the earth, with the men and animals that are on the earth, and I give it to whomever it seems right to me.

Prov. 21:1 The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.

Young's Literal Translation: "Rivulets of waters is the heart of a king in the hand of YHWH, Wherever He pleases He inclines it. Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, And YHWH is pondering hearts."

1 Tim. 2:1 I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, (WHY?) that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Ps. 107:7 He led them forth by the right way that they might go to a city for a dwelling place. (NKJV)

Ps. 103:13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Prov. 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish...

Literally: "Where there is no redemptive knowledge of God the people cast off all restraints."

Gen. 50:24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here."

Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.



Eph. 1:9 (God) made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him.

Heb. 11:22 By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions

Ex. 14:19 Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,

Ex 23:20 Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.

Isa. 63:9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

1 Pet. 2:20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.



Long Way Home

I set out on a great adventure
The day my Father started leading me home
He said there's gonna be some mountains to climb
And some valleys we're gonna go through

But I had no way of knowing
Just how hard this journey could be
Cause the valleys are deeper
And the mountains are steeper than I ever would have dreamed

But I know we're gonna make it
And I know we're gonna get there soon
And I know sometimes it feels like we're going the wrong way
But it's just the long way home

I got some rocks in my shoes
Fears I wish I could lose
That make the mountains so hard to climb
And my heart gets so heavy with the weight of the world sometimes

There's a bag of regrets,
My should've beens, and not yet's
I keep on dragging around
And I can hardly wait for the day I get to lay them all down

I know that day is coming
I know it's gonna be here soon
And I won't turn back even if the whole world says I'm going the wrong way
Cause it's just the long way home

When we can't take another step
The Father will pick us up and carry us in His arms
And even on the best days, He says to remember we're not home yet
So don't get too comfortable
Cause really all we are is just pilgrims passing through

Well, I know we're gonna make it
And I know we're gonna get there soon
So I keep on singing and believing
What all of my songs say

Cause our God has made a promise
And I know that everything He says is true
And I know wherever we go
He will never leave us
Cause He's gonna lead us home

Every single step of the long way home
Keep going, we're gonna make it
I know, we're gonna make it
We're just taking the long way home



PART 17: TAKING THE LONG WAY HOME

Exodus 13:17-22

Three things to be reminded of from these verses:

1. God doesn't always lead where we think He might
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Ex. 1:10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.

Deut. 4:30 When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice.

Acts 14:21 When they (Paul & Barnabas) had preached the gospel to that city (Derbe) and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. (NIV)

Ex. 9:16 "...for this purpose I have raised you (Pharaoh) up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth."